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1. (C) AT THE HIGH-LEVEL SEMINAR ON SPAIN AND NATO IN MADRID ON 9-10 MAR 78, SPANISH PARTICIPANTS REQUESTED A COPY OF THE PRESENTATION ON THE "DEFENSE PLANNING PROCESS AND COMMAND AND CONTROL AND COMMITMENT OF FORCES" AGENDA ITEM III-C).

2. (C) BASED UPON OUR REVIEW, THE PRESENTATION COULD BE RELEASED TO THE SPANISH ON AN UNCLASSIFIED BASIS PROVIDED THE DETAILED STATEMENTS ON COMMITMENT OF FORCES WERE DELETED ON PAGES 3 AND 4. THE PARAGRAPHS WHICH WOULD HAVE TO BE DELETED RELATE TO "OPERATIONAL COMMAND", "ASSIGNED FORCES", "EARMARKED FORCES", AND "OTHER FORCES FOR NATO". WITH THESE PARAGRAPHS DELETED, THE TEXT WOULD READ: "COMMITMENT OF NATIONAL FORCES CAN TAKE ANY OF SEVERAL FORMS IN PEACETIME. IF DUE TO URGENT AND IMPORT-
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ANT REASONS...".

3. (C) THE ABOVE FORMULATION DELETES, HOWEVER, THE HEART OF THE PRESENTATION - THE DESCRIPTION OF THE CATEGORIES OF FORCE COMMITMENT. TECHNICALLY THIS MATERIAL IS NATO CONFIDENTIAL AND CANNOT BE PROVIDED AS NATO MATERIAL; HOWEVER, THE US COULD PROVIDE THE INFORMATION, AS IT HAS

DONE IN OTHER INSTANCES, AS US CLASSIFIED MATERIAL
RELEASABLE TO SPAIN.

4. (C) BASED ON SPANISH DESIRES AND A NEED TO KNOW BASIS
PLANNING DATA, WE BELIEVE THIS SECOND OPTION IS PREFER-
ABLE. THUS, WITH WASHINGTON CONCURRENCE, WE PROPOSE THE
ENTIRE TEXT OF THE PRESENTATION BE RELEASED, AS A US
CLASSIFIED DOCUMENT, THROUGH THE AD HOC COMMITTEE.

5. (U) THIS IS A JOINT USNATO/USDELMC MESSAGE.

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